



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, December 2, 2008

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDS FOR COLLEGE ACCESS
Grant Will Help Low-Income Students Attend College

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano announced that \$1 million of new financial aid will be available to low-income college and university students.

The Arizona College Access Aid Program is a part of a two-year, \$2.7 million grant that the state of Arizona received from the U.S. Department of Education through the College Access Challenge Grant to help low-income students prepare for and attend college.

“A good education – and higher education in particular – will be necessary to compete in Arizona’s 21st century economy,” Governor Napolitano said. “In these tough economic times, this grant will open the door for Arizona students to continue pursuing college degrees, who may not have been able to otherwise.”

Students may apply for the Arizona College Access Aid Program and other financial aid at the state’s online financial aid Web portal, www.azgrants.gov. Eligible students must demonstrate financial need, must be a continuing student who has completed at least one year of higher education, and meet other eligibility requirements. Successful applicants may receive a grant up to \$2,000 per year for two years.

The federal grant will also be used to provide competitive grants to college access programs to help low-income students and families prepare for higher education.

For more information about the Office of the Governor, please visit www.azgovernor.gov.